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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **City to sponsor liquor training course April 1**

*Training required for businesses that sell liquor*

The city of Branson Finance Department will be holding a "Responsible Liquor Selling" training session Thursday, April 1 for servers, cashiers and bartenders. This training is required of all businesses selling liquor in the city of Branson or businesses that are in the process of obtaining a liquor license.

The session begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of Branson City Hall, 110 West Maddux.

The Community Partnership of the Ozarks will be conducting the liquor training, which is expected to last about 1½ hours. The cost is \$5 per person, payable at the time of the training.

It's recommended that persons wanting to attend the session call the Community Partnership of the Ozarks at 417-888-2020 to reserve seating.

Under city code, liquor license holders are now required to provide alcohol education programs to all their employees hired within the past 60 days who serve or sell alcohol or employees who have not completed an approved training program within the past 24 months. The intent is to have more responsible sellers of alcohol to minimize the risks of selling to underage and intoxicated buyers.

For additional information on the training or the new liquor ordinance, contact Carl Garrett, Branson's supervisor of licensing and tax compliance, at 417-334-3345 extension 318.